

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation addresses the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in four ways.

First, Section 1 declares cognizable any funding from the ARPA that is, or will be, directed to any Idaho state agency and sets aside the noncognizable provisions of Section 67-3516(2), Idaho Code. As a result, these federal funds will not be able to be approved for expenditure by the Division of Financial Management and the Board of Examiners and would require legislative appropriation for expenditure.

Second, and within Section 1, there is legislative intent that provides guiding principles on the appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds.

Third, Sections 2 and 3 create two funds from which to appropriate and expend ARPA funding. One fund is to account for receipts and disbursements of ARPA funding and the other is to be used for cost recovery or reimbursement of funds. Expenditure from these funds will be by appropriation only and will allow for tracking of these ARPA funds separately from other federal funding and previous COVID-19 federal funding, such as from the CARES Act.

Lastly, Section 4 provides an emergency clause that will make this act in full force and effect upon passage and approval.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or any local funding due to this legislation because it sets aside current processes for noncognizable funding and continues with existing processes for creating new accounting funds.

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